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## EDUCATION WEEK PROVES SUCCESS

Considerable Interest Taken in Sunday Night Meeting and Night School

Education Sunday was observed last Sunday by the congregations of the Farmington churches in a union service at the Methodist church. Revs. C. W. Townsend, A. B. Beresford and S. D. Eva conducted the devotional part of the service. The address of the evening was delivered by Supt. A. G. Leonard who spoke on "The Aims of Education in a Democracy," in which he set forth the purpose of the educational forces of America. The speaker, with characteristic eloquence, challenged the American people to give their heartiest support and most sympathetic cooperation to the public schools in their attempt to conserve the health, promote intellectual development and moral standards of American youth with the hope that the succeeding generations shall be fitted in body, mind and spirit to meet the responsibilities of the new age.

A good congregation assembled representing the churches. The assembly and the service were a fitting tribute to the schools and teaching force, whose particular interests were then being emphasized. The second principal feature of the week's program was the night session of the schools, an excellent one, which called out many parents and friends of the school who got a correct idea of the work being done daily in the various grades.

The superintendent and teachers are pleased to note an increasing interest by parents which has been brought about largely through the work of the Parent-Teachers' association. The night session afforded a fine opportunity for all interested to visit the school and see their children at work. The pupils gathered in session at 6:30 for the regular afternoon work, there being no session at that time.

The annual bazaar and chicken dinner of the Farmington Cemetery Auxiliary which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Marsh Nov. 20th, was a great success socially and financially. The total receipts were \$189.94. A large number were present from Farmington and Pontiac.

### CORRECTION

In last week's article "Reminiscences of Olden Days," the name "Dr. Woodmansee" should have read Dr. Woodman, and the name "Joseph Prindy" should have read "Joseph Purdy."

### GOITER CAUSED BY IODINE DEFICIENCY

Lack of iodine is the primary cause of simple goiter, if experiments now carried on at the state laboratories of the Michigan department are any criterion. To prove this beyond question as well as ascertain any other related facts, is the object of the work. Goiter at one time was thought to be a communicable disease because it is so regionally located. This misleading conclusion is explained by the fact that, epidemic goiter follows the lack-of-iodine phenomenon which is geographically marked throughout the world.

The survey of Michigan water, now being conducted, will take at least two years for consummation. Specimens are being received from all over the state, and some of these indicate a low iodine content, others none at all. Michigan is in the well known goiter belt and it is found that our iodine supply decreases as one goes further north in the state. Midland is the only exception to the rule and its iodine content averages lower than that in non-goiterous sections of the United States.

Iodine not only assists the thyroid gland in its normal growth and functioning powers, bone tissue in particular. Thus the lack of iodine also accounts for much cretinism that abounds in goiter infested areas. Toward that end and the department of health hopes to extend its experiments to our food and plant supplies.

### SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR

This is the season of church bazaars. The Methodist church held its annual fee last Thursday when a bazaar, supper and entertainment comprised the features of the annual event. Under the direction of Mrs. David Woodruff, president of the Ladies Aid society and assisted by the officers and members of the ladies organization, the three events surpassed all previous efforts in excellence and results. The supper was attended by more than three hundred persons who partook of a chicken supper served in dainty individual dishes. The bazaar was held in the community hall where daintily decorated booths displayed a rich array of articles to wear and otherwise use, and sweet things to eat. The play, given under the direction of the superintendent, attracted a large audience. Mrs. Sayres Harger, proved a great success both in its appeal and its rare skill in dramatic art. The play carried the audience back to the old district school days with their characteristic quaintness and queer costumes. Mrs. Harger was the long-haired school master. His scholars who bore the names of famous movie characters proved as unmanageable as the average bunch of school children of fifty years ago. The whole group of events was highly successful and netted in excess of \$500.00.

### FARMINGTON BOY STAR IN FOOT BALL GAME

Russell Catherman of Farmington, was the star in the game with Kalamazoo, in which Alma, winning by 38 to 0 score established her final right to the M. I. A. A. championship. Catherman was responsible for three of the six touchdowns made during the game. The first counter came when Catherman after five yards broke loose with the ball and went 50 yards around end to the touchdown. On the next kick-off Catherman took the ball on his own 20 yard line, and ripping through the entire Kalamazoo team went 80 yards for the second counter. The third play was a gain of 18 yards, made when Kazoo was forced to punt in the second quarter. Alma college has the distinction of being the only team in the M. I. A. A. group not to be scored upon this season by the other M. I. A. A. teams.

### NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

Farmington Methodist Church  
S. D. Eva, Pastor

Harvest Thanksgiving Festival

10:30 "The Opuence of Life."  
11:45 Sunday School.  
6:30 Epworth League.  
7:30 Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones on "Ireland."

Clarenceville Community  
M. E. Church

Rev. T. J. Gregg, Pastor.  
10:30 "Jesus at the Well."  
11:45 Sunday School.  
7:30 "The Great Neglect."  
Special programme tonight, in reading, solo and pantomime. Come! Everybody welcome.

First Baptist Church  
C. W. Townsend, Minister.

10:30 Congregational worship.  
Sermon, "The Compassionate Christ."  
11:45 Church School. Adult lesson, "Christians Called to be Missionaries."  
6:30 B.Y.P.U. Topic, "The Bible Contents."  
7:30 Popular Hour. Subject "The Inevitable Doors."  
Wednesday, 7:30 Mid-week meeting.

Universalist Church  
A. B. Beresford, Minister.

10:30 Worship and sermon. Dr. Beresford will preach. Subject, "The life that is the light of men," fourth sermon in the series, "What Christianity means to Me."  
9:20 Adult Bible class and Sunday School.

Evangelical Church  
Rev. J. Bollens, Pastor

10:15 Memorial service. (Tonight). German.  
11:45 Sunday School and Bible class, conducted by Rev. J. Bollens. Bazaar and supper Dec. 5th.

## MAIL SERVICE NEARLY 100 YEARS

List of Postmasters Since 1826 With Short Biography of Several

The postoffice department is the one of our branches of the government service that enters into the daily life of most of our people. We read about the army, the navy and other great departments of the government service, but the postoffice department is the one we are most interested in as the one of most interest to the average citizen. Through the kindness and courtesy of First Ass't Postmaster General John H. Bartlett of Wash., D. C., I am able to give the names of the men who have served as postmasters at Farmington since the office was created. The dates of their appointments are as follows:

Ezekiel Webb, Jan. 7, 1826.  
Amos Mead, May 22, 1830.  
John Thomas, May 28, 1836.  
Lorenzo P. Kneeland, Aug. 29, 1839.  
Elihu Ward, July 13, 1841.  
P. Dean Warner, Feb. 19, 1846.  
Mark Arnold, April 11, 1849.  
Warren P. Selby, April 27, 1853.  
Edmund S. McLain, May 4, 1858.  
Alex. Watkins, Nov. 4, 1859.  
John W. Collins, Mar. 29, 1861.  
George W. Drake, Oct. 3, 1866.  
Thomas Francis, Aug. 5, 1867.  
John W. Collins, Nov. 8, 1868.  
C. Wesley Horton, Mar. 20, 1873.  
John W. Collins, July 21, 1873.  
Eli Woodman, July 17, 1885.  
M. E. von Pierre, Feb. 26, 1889.  
Edward C. Grace, May 22, 1893.  
M. E. von Pierre, May 4, 1897.  
Thomas A. McGee, Nov. 29, 1913.  
Dr. Webb the first postmaster, also the first physician in the town, had his office in a log cabin on the corner now occupied by the residence of George Gildemeister. Frequently he delivered the mails to the patrons of the office while making his professional rounds. Amos Mead, his successor, held the office for six years. The location of the office I am unable to ascertain. It was probably on Shiawassee street. At this time the mill came once a week from Detroit by horseback. The postage was 25 cents.

John Thomas succeeded Mead and had the office in his store near where the Baptist church now stands. He owned and occupied the farm that is owned at the present time by C. F. Hatton. He was a prominent citizen. The man who succeeded him, Lorenzo P. Kneeland, held the office a little over two years. I am unable to secure any information concerning him. Elihu Ward was appointed July 13, 1841. He had the office in the house now occupied by William Shears and wife. Mr. Collins tells me that he remembers going there after the mail in his boyhood days.

P. Dean Warner was the next man to get the appointment. This was given him Feb. 19, 1846. In the April following he was elected town clerk. This was the commencement of a long term of service to the town in various offices, all of which he filled with credit and honor to himself and benefit to the people whom he served. In his early life he was a democrat but joined the republicans soon after the formation of that party. In 1867 his party gave him the nomination for the legislature. He was elected and received the high honor of being chosen speaker when the house convened in its annual session, January 1869. The Whigs elected General Tyler president in 1848, consequently a Whig must have been the Farmington postoffice, and Mark Arnold was given the plum April 11, 1849. He was a lawyer, the first one in the town if my information is correct. His office was in a large weather-beaten frame building that stood where the house of Mr. Clare now stands on Shiawassee street. He was well versed in the law, was what is known as a good trial lawyer and was uniformly successful in the court practice. Legal paper that he drew were concise and accurate. In his youthful days he gave promise of a successful career in his profession but he lacked ambition and this coupled with some moral weakness, caused him to respect his fellow-citizens.

## A SURPRISE THAT FAILED AND SUCCEEDED

A big surprise planned by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gahan for their son Maurice, on the occasion of his 18th anniversary of his birthday, Nov. 16th, was frustrated by the young man's inebriety. In the pretense of correcting the meaning of our alphabetics about the letter during the day as portending something of importance to himself, he quit directly home after school instead of practicing at foot ball, as was expected by his parents, and caught them in the act of decorating the home. While Maurice refused to be surprised the fact did not detract from the joyousness of the celebration. Cards, games and a midnight litchoon was the order of the evening. The table, appropriately decorated, bore as a centerpiece, a large birthday cake with 18 twinkling candles. Surrounding it, beamed the happy faces of the young man's schoolmates. The first prize was won by Mrs. Will G. Clarence Mancel credited to a booby prize. A purse of \$18 among the present, presented by his uncle, J. C. in Grace and wife. His uncle began a series of birthday presents for him on his first birthday with one dollar. The number of dollars is equal to his number of years on each occasion.

## THANKSGIVING DAY

An hour proclaimed designating Thursday, November 22, 1923 as a day of thanksgiving, Governor G. Seabek said: "Pursuant to a custom which has endured through many generations and by direction of the President we have again been called upon to set aside one day for this glad and prosperous year for Thanksgiving. There is no day in which we so wholly American as Thanksgiving day and there is no day in the year when greater opportunity is offered for reviving our patriotism and making manifest our love of country."

## TENTH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Banfield were delighted and surprised when they returned home last Friday evening at an "akim" supper with their daughter, Mrs. Margaret Kahl. They had gathered there about 30 guests who had been invited by their children to help make the occasion of the 10th anniversary of their wedding day a joyous one. The evening was spent in games, singing, dancing and refreshments. The couple honored the occasion over again but when it came to the "old" part in the ceremony the bride and groom shook hands.

## FARMINGTON LAY GUESTS OF HONOR

Mrs. Sam Lock of Farmington, was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the Ladies National Camp No. 9 Tuesday afternoon, the occasion being the transferring of her membership in the organization from Buffalo Chapter to the Detroit Chapter. There were 109 members present. Only those who are descendants of soldiers of American wars are eligible to membership. Mrs. Lock's family record shows service all ways from the revolution to the World war. She lost a son in the world conflict.

## AUTO SHOP PROVIDES CONVENIENCE

R. W. Brown, proprietor of the Auto Shop, has had erected on the east side of his building, a stand sufficient to elevate so as to conveniently drain oil from automobiles. The stand is for the free use of auto owners. Last Sunday a member of the Evangelical church congregation attended the festival at the Bethany church in Detroit.

## FARMINGTON HAS A YOUNG HERO

Ralph Waack is a Candidate for The Detroit News Hero Prize

Entry No. 38 in the Detroit News hero prize contest is Ralph Waack of Farmington township, residing with his parents at Clarenceville. The prize to be awarded by the News to one of the many heroes whose names have been placed in nomination by friends is a fine new model residence in that city. The time for nominating candidates has closed and voting is now in order by the readers of that newspaper who will find a blank for that purpose with full instructions in each Sunday issue. The act of heroism for which Ralph's friends feel that he should receive the reward was recently published in the News and is as follows:

Ralph Waack of Farmington, Michigan, 12 years old, while returning to his home March 2, heard screams from a group of children gathered on the banks of a creek. Ruth Wurtzbacher, 8 years old, had fallen into the ice-choked and swollen stream. Ralph, without removing any of his heavy winter clothing, jumped in after her. He swam to shore with the girl through broken ice and then carried her to the nearest farmhouse. A vote for the boy will be greatly appreciated by him and his many friends in this locality.

## THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The annual Thanksgiving service of the Methodist church will be held next Sunday morning. Gifts in vegetables, fruits and other products including canned fruits are solicited with a view of collecting the fruits of the soil at the church as a Thanksgiving offering. The gifts will afterwards be given to the homes and hospitals conducted by the church.

## THE HIGH SCHOOL TATTLER

Kindergarten—The children have completed their store and it is very much like a store. After the building was completed they decided they must have something to sell. With their clay they manufactured clay candy. Their supply consisted of jaw breakers, lolly-pops and odd shaped assorted candies. After the candy was dry it was colored with a few colors that made it appear a great deal like real candy. Then, after total completion of a candy supply was finished, money was made to buy the candy with. Much enjoyment was received from the store. The children are waiting anxiously for the buds on their plants to bloom. They do not believe the "watched pot never boils," but they watch the buds continually. A very pretty black board border of colored turkeys pulling small red wagons with a cargo of large yellow pumpkins has been made for this month. Some children have made complete sets of dishes with the clay and colored them with enamel. First Grade—The first grade has a supply of clay for busy work. Some uncolored free hand drawings of Indian life have been made. Mrs. Bicking was a visitor to the first grade room last Monday. This room also has a health chart. Each day a gold star is given to the person that brushed his teeth twice that day. Second Grade—The second grade has started their work of building Holland and America. This work is carried on at a table. Dirt is arranged to represent Holland and a space is left for the ocean, then more dirt to represent America. Wind mills for Holland have been made. Paper people are going to be made. This is being built to show the coming of the Pilgrims to America. The second grade also has a health chart. A majority of the children get stars every day. Third Grade—A very pretty calendar design

## GRAND RIVER ROAD TO BE COMPLETED JULY 15

Governor Groesbeck predicts that M-16, the grand River road between Detroit and Lansing, will be completely paved by next July 15. There are 42 miles of gravel between Lansing and New Hudson. State labor is to be put to work as early as possible in the spring and grading will be done by prisoners this winter. It is expected that the same route from Lansing to Grand Rapids will be completed early next year. According to present plans the entire paved way from Detroit to Grand Rapids will be completed before the close of the 1924 building season.

## DEATH OF MRS. L. MEYERS

Mrs. Lloyd Meyers died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Martha Hatton at Ypsilanti, Thursday, Nov. 15, 1923. She had been ill the greater part of the summer, although she suffered three strokes in the last few days before her death. Jessie Maud Ely was born in Plymouth Sept. 9, 1872, and was the youngest of 10 children born to Mr. and Mrs. William Ely. She spent her girlhood in this locality and was a teacher in the public school at Farmington at one time. She was married to Lloyd Meyers April 23, 1902 and they have one daughter, Sarah. Mr. Meyers has been in ill health for over a year with enema. Because of the ill-health of both Mr. and Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. Hatton had them removed from the Ford hospital to her home the first of September. Here with patient suffering and close companionship Mrs. Meyers passed away among those dear to her.

Beside her husband and daughter she leaves three sisters, Mrs. Martha Hatton, Mrs. Minnie Paulger of Bay City, Mrs. Betty MacFie of California, and one brother, Mr. Charles Ely of this place. She was laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery on Sunday, Nov. 18, 1923.

Miss Emily H. Butterfield left Sunday for Bozeman, Montana, to speak at the annual Vocational Congress for high school girls held under the auspices of the Montana State college. On her return trip she will stop at Minneapolis, Minn., Madison and Appleton, Wis., in addition to several other places in Montana.

The Evangelical people are very busy preparing things for their bazaar to be held Dec. 5th.

for the board has been drawn. Margaret Vincent, Elizabeth Turner, Lavern Turner and Marcie Sheple received 100 in spelling every day last week.

Pearl Brown is absent with the pupils.

Fourth Grade—The fourth grade heard two interesting talks last week. Mr. Nathan Power talked to this room on the history of Farmington. He went back to the time of the Indians and made every fourth grader thankful he was living now and had no danger of being scalped. Mr. John Powers talked about the Civil war, he being a veteran. He showed some shot and a piece of a warship that he had collected. He also told interesting things about Mobile Bay, and presented the room with a picture of General Grant at the close of his talk. The fourth graders enjoyed these talks very much.

Fifth Grade—This class is practicing loyalty to law and people. Each pupil has drawn several red strawberries on a card. Every time a person finds he is disloyal to his teacher, a classmate or some law, he makes a dot on his fruit with his pencil. The idea is to see who can keep his fruit from decaying the longest.

Thelma Garlick has been ill. The language class wrote her some interesting letters which she enjoyed.

Sixth Grade—The sixth graders are learning to mix water colors and obtain the desired result. For morning exercises the reading of history stories is enjoyed. The stories are of the Indians.

Seventh Grade—Thanksgiving decorations are being made for this room.

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